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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Broadband competition is absolutely essential to maintain a sustainable system. That includes not only the economic and environmental subsystems but other components such as legal ethics, social and basic sense of personal freedoms which all contribute to the American spirit.

Currently, even though I live in the San Francisco Bay Area, only a few companies offer competitive options for fiber broadband services. With the spread of fiber into more areas which are now fed by copper lines, we need to remove the threat of companies holding those lines hostage so that they may collect ransom from competitors and customers.

At this juncture, it is critical that telecommunication laws which preserve and even encourage competition be not only preserved but strengthened. In particular, America needs to lead the World in broadband infrastructure by ensuring continued access to copper as a bridge to fiber until the entire system can be upgraded in the future.

US Telecom's recent petition to the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements is unamerican and needs to be strongly opposed. I urge you to not only reject it but to issue a harsh reprimand for their attempt to hijack the system and sabotage a sustainable system in exchange for transient price gauging. AT&T and the greed of their corporate officers must be stopped as they strive to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. A competitive system will provide the best benefit to all by not only promoting affordable services but by encouraging faster implementation of new technologies. I was saddened to find that cities in Korea and Europe were able to implement widespread fiber networks while the San Francisco Bay Area, home to Silicon Valley has been hampered by nonsensical roadblocks.

Please work to encourage local broadband providers to continue competing against the monopolies which are currently too big and corrupt.

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